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*Annual Report*

# **THORNTON**

## **NEW HAMPSHIRE**

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Granted: 1768

Settled: 1770

Incorporated: 1781

Total Area: 32640 Acres

Public Lands: 15038 Acres

Altitude: 555 - 2610 Feet

Population: 480

YEAR ENDING  
***December 31, 1952***





ANNUAL REPORT  
OF THE  
OFFICERS  
OF THE  
Town Of Thornton, N. H.

YEAR ENDING  
December 31, 1952

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THE RECORD PRINT  
Plymouth, N. H.



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## **TOWN OFFICERS, 1952**

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### **SELECTMEN**

Clifton L. Shores	Campton 38-22
Kenneth W. Robbins	Campton 58-3
Russell Gilman	Campton 45-3

### **TOWN CLERK AND TREASURER**

Irma Sullivan	Campton 24-24
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### **TAX COLLECTOR**

Ida M. Horner	Campton 28-13
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### **MODERATOR**

George Thompson	Campton 18-4
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### **LIBRARIAN**

Vera Hazeltine	
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### **ROAD AGENT**

Dist. No. 1, 2, 3—John Rivers	Campton 26-14
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### **FIRE WARDENS**

Bert Benton	Campton 28-15
Spencer Ham	No Phone
Lester Bradley	N. W. 3965
Carl Broad	Campton 26-4

### **POLICE**

Ralph Steele, Scott Benton, Bert Benton

### **LIBRARY TRUSTEES**

Frances Avery, Ethel Robinson, Isabel Ham

### **TRUSTEES OF TRUST FUNDS**

Kenneth Robbins, Glenroy Howland, Scott Benton

### **SUPERVISORS OF CHECK LIST**

Clarence Downing, Ralph Steele, Scott Benton

### **SUPERINTENDENT OF CEMETERIES**

Scott Benton





## **To Our Non-Residents**

We prize the friendship of our Non-Resident Tax-payers. If you like to receive one of our Town Reports, please let us know. Why not do this when you return your Inventory Blank? In making out your Inventory, please describe your property briefly, and mention the section of Town where it is located. Thank you.

Non-Resident Property: \$288,655.00

# Hear Ye - Hear Ye !



## THE STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE

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To the inhabitants of the Town of Thornton in the County of Grafton in said State, qualified to vote in Town Affairs:

You are hereby notified to meet at The Town House in said Thornton on Tuesday, the 10th day of March, next, at nine of the clock in the forenoon, to act upon the following subjects:

1. To choose all necessary Town Officers for the year ensuing.
2. To consider the Budget — item by item — as printed, and to raise such sums of money as may be necessary to make appropriations of the same.
3. To see if the Town will authorize the Selectmen to hire money in anticipation of taxes.
4. To see if a discount will be allowed on property tax payments and to determine the amount, and the discount period.



5. To see if the Town will vote to sell Town Property taken on tax title.

6. To make a record of the wishes of the Town, regarding the TRA Allotment for this year.

7. To see what responsibility the Town may have with respect to the entrance driveway to the Eliza Haynes home.

8. To see what the Town will vote to do about the Hartwell Bridge.

9. To see if the Town will contribute to the White Mountains Region Association.

10. To see if the Town will vote to accept money in Trust, the income to be used for the perpetual care of the Emma Merrill and Ezra Broad cemetery lots.

11. To hear the report of the Committee on School Buildings.

12. To transact any other business that may legally come before said meeting.

Given under our hands and seal, this 2nd day of February in the year of our Lord nineteen hundred and fifty-three.

CLIFTON L. SHORES,  
KENNETH W. ROBBINS,  
RUSSELL M. GILMAN,

Selectmen of Thornton

# THE BUDGET

## *Estimates Of Expenditures For Ensuing Year*

### PURPOSES

### EXPENDITURES

	Actual 1952	Estimated 1953
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#### Current Maintenance Expenses:

##### For General Government:

Town Officers' Salaries	\$ 1,242.00	\$ 1,277.00
Town Officers' Expenses	624.08	600.00
Election and Registration Expenses	230.75	75.00
Expenses Town Hall and Other Town Buildings	318.07	100.00

##### For Protection of Persons and Property:

Police Department	25.00	50.00
Fire Department	361.70	200.00

##### For Health:

Vital Statistics	14.50	10.00
Town Dump	100.00	150.00

##### For Highways and Bridges:

Town Maintenance—Summer	1,592.82	2,200.00
Town Maintenance—Winter	3,471.85	3,500.00
General Expenses of Highway Department	798.41	800.00
Town Road Aid	264.92	264.92

For Libraries	100.00	100.00
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##### For Public Welfare:

Town Poor	35.52	700.00
Old Age Assistance	1,431.51	1,800.00

## THE BUDGET - Continued

PURPOSES	EXPENDITURES	
	1952 Actual	1953 Estimated
<b>For Patriotic Purposes:</b>		
Memorial Day and Veterans' Associations	32.75	45.00
<b>For Public Service Enterprises:</b>		
Cemeteries	338.34	300.00
<b>For Unclassified:</b>		
Damages and Legal Expenses, Incl. Dog Damage	10.00	
Advertising and Regional Associations		60.00
Employees' Retirement	50.00	
<b>For Highways and Bridges:</b>		
Town Construction	1,691.18	1,000.00
Hartwell Bridge		2,400.00
Top Coating		1,200.00
<b>For Payments to Other Governmental     Agencies:</b>		
County Taxes	1,795.98	1,795.28
School Taxes	15,500.00	20,605.87
<b>Total Expenditures</b>		<hr/> \$ 39,241.07



The previous two pages help you to determine **WHAT** you propose to provide for carrying on the cost of running Town affairs for another year.

To judge the amount of the Appropriation that the Selectmen are calling for, compare their estimates for 1953 with the actual expenditures of the past year, which may be found, itemized, on Pages 21-26.

The next following page determines **HOW** the costs of running the Town are to be provided.

## THE BUDGET - Continued

### Sources of Revenue

#### *And Amount To Be Raised By Property Taxes*

	Actual 1952	Estimated 1953
<b>From State:</b>		
Interest and Dividends Tax	\$ 192.63	\$ 175.00
Railroad Tax	69.54	65.00
Savings Bank Tax	78.74	75.00
Reimbursement a/c State and Federal forest lands	1,978.96	1,800.00
For Fighting Forest Fires	5.03	
National Forest Reserve	1,603.28	1,000.00
<b>From Local Sources Except Taxes:</b>		
Dog Licenses	195.00	175.00
Business Licenses, Permits and Filing Fees	2.00	
Interest Received on Taxes and Deposits	274.54	100.00
Income from Trust Funds	100.00	100.00
Income of Departments:		
Cemetery Lots	50.00	
Motor Vehicle Permit Fees	1,452.48	1,400.00
Sale of Town Property, Tractor	800.00	
<b>From Local Taxes Other Than Property Taxes:</b>		
Poll Taxes—Regular @ \$2	296.00	296.00
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Total Revenues from all Sources Except Property Taxes	7,098.20	5,186.00
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Amount to be raised by Prop. Taxes		34,055.07
Total Revenues		\$ 39,241.07

## **YOU** RAISE THE MONEY —

(the Selectmen just spend it)

Last March you voted to raise \$18,934.73 for the School Budget. You thought that this was what the School Board was asking for— but actually their Budget called for only \$17,711.73! How did you happen to do this?

The School Budget called for \$17,711.73! But all they required to be raised was \$15,112.58, because you had already raised the difference, and had it on hand, un-used.

If this business had gone through as you voted it, the tax rate would have been \$3.88 instead of \$3.30.

Attend Town Meeting — and stay through for the School Meeting.



## Assessment Statistics - 1952

Land and Buildings		\$589,009.00
Electric Plants		69,868.00
Horses	54	3,800.00
Cows	163	16,930.00
Other Neat Stock	11	825.00
Sheep and Goats	24	240.00
Vehicles	1	500.00
Portable Mills	4	1,700.00
Wood, Lumber, Etc.		2,961.00
Gasoline Pumps and Tanks		1,295.00
Stock in Trade		8,350.00
Mills and Machinery		200.00
Total Gross Valuation before Exemptions		<u>\$695,678.00</u>
Less Soldiers' Exemptions		<u>33,435.00</u>
Net Valuation on which Tax Rate was computed		<u>\$662,243.00</u>

Tax Rate per C of Valuation	3.30
Property Taxes Committed	21,854.02
Poll Taxes Committed	462.00

# Financial Report, 1952

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## ASSETS

Cash	
In hands of treasurer	\$ 11,826.19
U. S. Bonds (Scrap metal drive)	182.80
Accounts Due to the Town	
Due from State:	
Reimbursement Federal Lands	1,800.00
Bounties	26.00
Refund on 1951 Head Tax abated	5.00
National Forest Reserve	1,000.00
Unredeemed Taxes:	
(from tax sale on account of)	
Levy of 1951	216.55
Levy of 1950	80.70
Uncollected Taxes:	
Levy of 1952	4,639.50
Levy of 1951	38.80
Levy of 1950	10.00
State Head Taxes—Levy of 1952	485.00
State Head Taxes—Levy of 1951	
(Remitted to State)	35.00
Total Assets	<hr/> \$ 20,345.54
Grand Total	<hr/> \$ 20,345.54

## LIABILITIES

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### Accounts Owed by the Town:

Bills outstanding—Nov.-Dec. Old Age a/c and Town Poor	\$ 350.00
Unexpended Balances of Special Appro- priations: Civil Defense	225.00
Reserve a/c Future Yield Tax Loss	539.54

### Due to State:

State Head Taxes—1952 (Uncollected \$485.00) (Collected—not remitted to State Treas. none)	485.00
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### Due to School Districts:

Balance of Appropriation	11,923.31
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Total Liabilities	\$ 13,522.85
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Excess of assets over liabilities (Surplus)	6,827.69
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Grand Total	\$ 20,345.54
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## SELECTMEN'S ACCOUNT WITH THE SCHOOL BOARD

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Due from Appropriations on June 30, 1952*	\$ 3,310.73
Plus Appropriations for 1952-53**	15,112.58

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18,423.31

Less Orders to Dec. 31, 1952	6,500.00
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6,500.00

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Available for Spring Term to June 30, 1953***	\$ 11,923.31
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\* This is the figure used by the State.

\*\* As adjusted

\*\*\* Last Spring Term required \$9,000.00 in drafts on Appropriation. In addition to the above, the School Board received \$801.64 being half the National Forest Reserve money.



# LIST OF APPROPRIATIONS — 1952

Purpose	Asked	Voted	Overdraft	Unexpended
	\$	\$	\$	\$
Town Officers' Salaries	1,277.00	1,277.00		35.00
Town Officers' Expenses	500.00	400.00		
Election and Registration	175.00	175.00	55.75	31.93
Town Hall	350.00	350.00		
Police	25.00	25.00		
Fire Dept.	200.00	200.00	161.70	
Town Dump	100.00	100.00		
Insurance	75.00	75.00	1.25	5.50
Vital Statistics	20.00	20.00		
Town Road Aid	264.92	264.92		
Town Maintenance—Summer	2,500.00	1,600.00		7.14
Road Maintenance—Winter	2,500.00	2,500.00	971.85	1.59
Highway General Expense	800.00	800.00		
Library	100.00	100.00		
Town Poor	375.00	375.00		339.49
Old Age Assistance	1,800.00	1,800.00		
Memorial Day	35.00	35.00		2.25
Care of Cemeteries	300.00	300.00	38.34	
Archie White Road	300.00	300.00		
County Tax		1,795.98		
School Tax		15,112.58		
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		\$ 27,605.48		

## SCHEDULE OF TOWN PROPERTY

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Description	Value
Town Hall, land and buildings	\$ 2,000.00
Furniture and Equipment	100.00
Libraries, Lands and Buildings	
Furniture and Equipment	50.00
Fire Department, Lands and Buildings	
Equipment	100.00
Highway Department, Lands and Buildings	
Equipment	200.00
Materials and Supplies	100.00
Cemetery	200.00
Schools, Lands and Buildings	6,000.00
Equipment	3,000.00
All Lands and Buildings acquired through Tax Collector's Deeds	
Carrie Royce lot	50.00
Owner Unknown lot	100.00
Mike Nugent camp	200.00
Total	<hr/> \$ 12,100.00

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## TOWN CLERK'S REPORT

December 31, 1952

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Received for Auto Permits 1951	\$ 10.62
Received for Auto Permits 1952	1,442.82
Received for Dog Licenses	195.00
Received for Filing Fees	2.00
Paid to Town Treasurer	<hr/> \$ 1,650.44

IRMA SULLIVAN,

Town Clerk

## TREASURER'S REPORT

December 31, 1952

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Cash on hand, Dec. 31, 1951	\$ 10,984.67
Received from Selectmen	5,316.86
Received from Town Clerk	1,650.44
Received from Tax Collector	
1947 Redemption	\$ 47.17
1948 Redemption	59.56
1949 Redemption	89.90
1950 Redemption	115.71
1951 Redemption	475.77
1951 Tax Levy	5,892.53
1951 Tax Sale	686.20
1952 Tax Levy	17,963.24
1950-1951 Yield Tax	48.66
1950 Yield Tax	1,551.88
1951 Head Tax	292.00
1952 Head Tax	902.50
	<hr/> \$ 28,125.12
Total Receipts	\$ 46,077.09
Total Payments	34,250.90
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Cash on hand Dec. 31, 1952	\$ 11,826.19

IRMA SULLIVAN,

Town Treasurer



# TAX COLLECTOR'S REPORT

## Summary of Warrant

### Property, Poll and Yield Taxes

#### Levy of 1952

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#### Dr.

#### Taxes Committed to Collector:

Property Taxes	\$ 21,854.08
Poll Taxes	486.00

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Total Warrant	\$ 22,322.08
Yield Taxes	1,743.85
Added Taxes:	
Poll Taxes	4.00
Yield Taxes	205.38
Interest Collected	15.96

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Total Debits	\$ 24,291.27
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#### Remittances to Treasurer:

Property Taxes	\$ 17,651.28
Poll Taxes	296.00
Yield Taxes	1,551.88
Interest Collected	15.96
Abatements	136.65

#### Uncollected Taxes as per Collector's List:

Property Taxes	4,102.15
Poll Taxes	148.00
Yield Taxes	389.35

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Total Credits	\$ 24,291.27
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"I hereby certify that the above list showing the name and amount due from each delinquent taxpayer, as of December 31, 1952, on account of the tax levy of 1952, is correct to the best of my knowledge and belief."

IDA M. HORNER,

Tax Collector

## Selectmen - In Account With

Year Ending December 31, 1952

### RECEIPTS

#### From Local Taxes:

Property Taxes, 1952	\$ 17,651.28
Poll Taxes, 1952	296.00
Yield Taxes, 1952	1,551.88
State Head Taxes @ \$5, 1952	900.00

Total Current Year's Taxes collected  
and remitted \$ 20,399.16

Property Taxes and Yield Taxes, Previous years	6,290.29
Poll Taxes, Previous years,	118.00
State Head Taxes @ \$5, 1951	285.00
Interest received on Taxes	274.54
Penalties on State Head Taxes	31.50
Tax sales redeemed	726.63

#### From State:

Interest and dividend tax	192.63
Railroad Tax	69.54
Savings Bank Tax and Building and Loan Association Tax	78.74
Reimbursement a/c State and Federal forest lands	1,978.96
National forest reserve	1,603.28
Fighting forest fires	5.03
Bounties	18.50

#### From Local Sources, Except Taxes:

Dog licenses	195.00
Business licenses, permits and filing fees	2.00
Income from Trust Funds	100.00
Cemetery lots	50.00

(Receipts Continued on Page 22)

## **Town of Thornton**

Year Ending December 31, 1952

### **DETAIL OF PAYMENTS, 1952**

#### **Town Officers' Salaries**

Clifton Shores, Chairman	\$	195.00	
Kenneth Robbins, Selectman		190.00	
Russell Gilman, Selectman		200.00	
Irma Sullivan, Treasurer		150.00	
Irma Sullivan, Clerk		100.00	
Ida Horner, Tax Collector		250.00	
George Thompson, Moderator		15.00	
Vera Hazeltine, Librarian		104.00	
Ethel Shores, Asst. Librarian		12.00	
Evelyn Benton, Sec. Trusts		10.00	
Phyllis Benton, Auditor		8.00	
Glenn Duffy, Auditor		8.00	
			\$ 1,242.00

#### **Town Officers' Expenses**

Bert Pulsifer, Bonds	\$	28.00
Clayton Ham, Jan.-Mar. 11		10.80
Phyllis Holbrook, Auditor		1.05
Glenroy Howland, Postage		21.31
Wheeler & Clark, Dog Tags		8.47
Brown & Saltmarsh, Forms		1.17
Brown & Saltmarsh, Inventory		
Book		50.00
Brown & Saltmarsh, Tax Books		12.50
Brown & Saltmarsh, Tax Supplies		12.50
Brown & Saltmarsh, Mortgage		
Book		25.30
Record Print, Reports & Advt.		193.93
F. J. Shores, Transfers		14.73

(Payments Continued on Page 23)

## **Receipts (Continued)**

Registration of motor vehicles, 1951 Permits	10.62	
Registration of motor vehicles, 1952 Permits	1,442.82	
	<hr/>	\$ 5,747.12

### **Receipts Other than Current Revenues:**

Temporary loans in anticipation of taxes during year, Severance deposits	120.18	
New trust funds received during year	300.00	
Sale of town property, tractor	800.00	
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Total Receipts other than Current Revenue	\$	1,220.18
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Total Receipts from all sources		35,092.42
Cash on hand Jan. 1, 1952		10,984.67
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Grand Total		\$ 46,077.09



## Payments (Continued)

Ardelle Gilman, Copying	20.00	
Bert Pulsifer, Lia. Insurance	76.25	
Anna D. Proctor, Transfers	.80	
Ida M. Horner, Tax Sale Exp.	44.30	
Ida M. Horner, Collector's Exp.	43.75	
Robt. Wakefield, Legal Advice	5.00	
Sargent Bros., Tax Supplies	23.60	
Jno. F. Brenner, sign	8.00	
Russell Gilman, postage	6.78	
K. W. Robbins, Phone & Postage	8.84	
N. H. Town Clerk's Asso.	2.00	
N. H. Tax Collectors' Asso.	3.00	
N. H. Assessors' Asso.	2.00	
		\$ 624.08

### Election and Registration

Clarence Downing, Supervisor \$	40.00	
Scott Benton, Supervisor	25.00	
George Thompson, Moderator	30.00	
Record Print, Check Lists	23.75	
Mrs. Harry Uhlman, Ballot Clerk	8.00	
Vera Rheault, Ballot Clerk	8.00	
Florence Steele, Ballot Clerk	24.00	
Everett Steele, Ballot Clerk	8.00	
Alice Steele, Ballot Clerk	24.00	
Ida Horner, Ballot Clerk	16.00	
Ethel Robinson, Ballot Clerk	24.00	
		\$ 230.75

### Town Hall

N. H. Elec. Co-operative \$	24.00	
Emery Tobyne, Painting	175.52	
Noyes Insurance Agency	116.10	
Russell Gilman, Wiring	2.45	
		\$ 318.07

### Police Department

Bert Benton \$	25.00	
		\$ 25.00

## **Payments (Continued)**

### **Fire Department**

Campton Fire Dept., 3 Fires	\$	343.05	
Bert Benton, Training		10.05	
Bert Benton, Warden		8.60	
		<hr/>	\$ 361.70

### **Bounties**

Russell Gilman, 3 Bears,			
8 Hogs	\$	17.00	
Clifton Shores, 8 Hogs		2.00	
K W Robbins, 1 Bear, 8 Hogs		7.00	
		<hr/>	\$ 26.00

### **Vital Statistics**

Irma Sullivan, Clerk	\$	14.50	
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### **Damages**

Ethel Robinson, Dog Damage	\$	10.00	
		<hr/>	\$ 10.00

### **Maintenance - Highways and Bridges**

Summer Work	\$	1,592.82	
Winter Work		3,471.85	
		<hr/>	\$ 5,064.67

### **Town Road Aid**

Town's Share	\$	264.92	
		<hr/>	\$ 264.92

### **General Expense—Highway Dept.**

Sandwich Notch Legislative			
Spec.	\$	300.00	
Cold Patch		111.86	
Chase Grain Mill, Culvert		54.00	
F J Avery Garage, Repairs		27.56	
Russell Gilman, Tractor		10.00	
Eliza Haynes, Deed		1.00	
Everett Steele, Plank		12.60	
Franconia Paper Co., Dynamite		24.20	

## **Payments (Continued)**

John Rivers, Dynamite	26.54	
John Rivers, Gravel Pit	45.00	
Chase Grain Mill, Salt and Paper	67.45	
John Rivers, Time Sheet	115.20	
Clarence Downing, Water Trough	3.00	
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		\$ 798.41

### **Libraries**

Vera Hazeltine, Janitor	\$ 15.00	
Frances Avery, Lee Fund Div.	50.00	
Frances Avery, Appropriation	85.00	
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		\$ 150.00

### **Public Welfare**

Old Age Assistance (10 Mo.)	\$ 1,431.51	
Town Poor, Medicine & Hospt.	35.52	
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		\$ 1,467.03

### **Memorial Day & War Memorial**

Clay's Newsstand, Flag	\$ 8.75	
Scott Benton, Grave Flags	9.00	
Will Downing, Care of Memorial	15.00	
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		\$ 32.75

### **Public Service Enterprises**

Town Dump, Chas. Kimball	\$ 100.00	
Cemeteries, Appropriation	338.34	
Mad River Cemetery, Lee Fund	50.00	
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		\$ 488.34

### **Unclassified Payments**

Taxes bought by Town	\$ 686.20	
Clayton Ham, Salary Claim	50.00	
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		\$ 736.20

### **New Construction - Permanent Improvements**

Archie White Approp.	\$ 300.00	
Bal. Mad River Approp.	391.18	
West Side Approp.	1,000.00	
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		\$ 1,691.18

## **Payments (Continued)**

### **Payments to Other Governmental Divisions**

Taxes Paid to County	\$ 1,795.98
State Treas., Timber Tax Re-Im.	697.00
School District % App.	15,500.00
School District % Forest Res.	801.64
Advance 1953 Snow a/c C. Ham	74.50
Trust Funds, Emma Merrill lot	100.00
Trust Funds, Ezra Broad lot	200.00
Ida Horner, Timber Tax Deposits	120.18
State Head Taxes Remitted	1,232.17
Ida Horner, Com. on Head Taxes	24.33
Irma Sullivan, Com. Dogs	\$ 19.50
and Autos	140.00
	<hr/> 159.50
	<hr/> \$ 20,705.30
Total Payments	<hr/> \$ 34,250.90



## SOLDIERS' EXEMPTIONS

James Anderson	\$ 1,000.00
Amos Avery	800.00
Scott A. Benton	1,000.00
Hazel Binnette	1,000.00
Arlene A. Bean	800.00
Arthur Boyce	1,000.00
Archie Brown	1,000.00
Floyd Boyce	700.00
Mary G. Cooper	1,000.00
Peter C. Demers	1,000.00
K. J. Dollahite, Jr.	1,000.00
Mrs. Robert Downing	500.00
Howard Downing	1,000.00
Richard Downing	1,000.00
Russell Gilman	1,000.00
Nathaniel Hartwell	1,000.00
Kenneth Haynes	500.00
Joseph Holub	1,000.00
Alfred Howard	1,000.00
Raymond Holbrook	1,000.00
Oscar Inkel	1,000.00
Peter R. Jennings	1,000.00
Eric Leonhardt	1,000.00
Roland Marshall	1,000.00
Robert McGee	1,000.00
Charles Ouilette	1,000.00
Richard H. Oliver and Veronica	2,000.00
John Piper	1,000.00
Lizafore Romprey	1,000.00
Frank and Alice Steele	1,000.00
Frank and Roger Steele	835.00
Mrs. Frances Smith	100.00
Guy Vintinner	1,000.00
Mrs. Carl Westcott (abated)	1,000.00
Alfred White	2,200.00
	\$ 34,435.00

## ABOUT TOWN

Considerable change in administrative procedure has taken place in Town this year. The vote establishing definite pay schedules for Town Officers has created a sound basis for the future and has already saved money for the Town. The scheduled meetings for the Selectmen and the alignment of their work has been a help. The provision for separating the Selectmen's clerical work from their other duties and assigning it to one person to do, has not been followed this year in order to acquaint the new member of the Board with the work. The provision has merit, and when applied will be beneficial to the Town. Town Officers' salaries are being paid on the basis of one year, starting in March, after they are elected.

Town Officers' Expenses have exceeded the appropriation, due in part to a cut in the Budget estimate submitted. Most all the items for Town Officers' Expenses are fixed charges, over which we have no control. Take a look at them and see which ones you would eliminate! In years gone by, some of these expenses were incorrectly listed under "Town Hall" and other headings which distorted the true picture. The Selectmen now have no expense charges other than actual postage and telephone toll charges, etc.

Let's keep the records straight and appropriate enough money to do business.



## We Salute John Rivers

John Rivers knows how to build roads— he has provided himself with equipment to do the job—and he is a tireless worker.

The Taxpayer has been relieved of needless expense, because John doesn't allow his roads to wash away. Early or late, whenever his roads need his attention, you will find him on the job.

Look at the road in Thornton Gore—at Anderson Hill, Mill Brook or the West Side and Mad River.

Compare the roads that John has built with the roads that the State has done for us, with TRA money. Now compare the costs! We salute John Rivers!

## **TOWN ROADS**

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This year for the first time, we have had one Road Agent instead of several. This has gradually come about through the realization that more and better work can be accomplished by using machinery, and also the lack of men available for work these days. If given a fair chance, the Taxpayers will profit from this development.

A gravel pit was opened on the Sullivan Place in Mill Brook this year, and Mr. Sullivan contributed the gravel used.

More was accomplished to improve Town Roads this year than for a long time. The Selectmen have received numbers of kind expressions from people all over town, indicating that this is so. We now need thoughtful attention to Budget requirements, so that it will be possible to keep up the work. It is foolish to undermine our present good investment in roads, by not appropriating enough to take good care of them.



## **TOWN ROADS - Summer Maintenance and Construction**

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We had available this year for construction, \$1,000.00 appropriated last year for the West Side,—\$391.18 balance from last year's appropriation for the Mad River District, and \$300.00 appropriated this year—a total of \$1,691.18. With this, two road drainage problems of long standing were satisfactorily solved—one on Mirror Lake Road and one at Blake Mt. Road. A graded gravel road was laid out to the Archie White residence, and roads on the West side and at Chickenborough received gravel and culverts.

\$84.30 was spent for gravel and the balance for truck, tractor loader, grader, scraper, labor, etc. There was a balance in the TRA account of \$122.54 which the State used to purchase tar for an additional application at the Burbank Hill job, which had not been very satisfactory. The Town was asked to prepare the hill for this tar.

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Summer Maintenance money goes for preserving the grade, keeping ditches open, cutting and disposing of brush, repairing culverts, etc. This year we had some emergency tar patching for the black-top roads. John Rivers provided equipment and labor, employing Roy Sawyer, David Rodgers, Albert Reitsma, Dick Howard, Nelson Sweeney and Alton Benton part of the time to help him. \$181.70 was used for extra tar patch and other small items brought the total for this work to \$1,592.82.

## **TOWN ROADS - Winter**

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Thornton has been fortunate for a number of years, in having good men to plow the roads. Like the Selectmen, they receive plenty of kicks, but in their case most people will admit that our roads and door yards are well taken care of.

The job of snow plowing is limited in small towns, to those who have the time, equipment and willingness to do it. For the 1952-53 snow year, we have contracted for the work on an hourly basis, and guaranteed a minimum number of hours of work. This makes a reasonable arrangement for the man who owns the plow, and it will prove satisfactory to the town if the work is done as it has been in the past.

During the past year we have had to overdraw the appropriation for Winter work. This was partly due to an incorrect estimate in the Budget. The present contracts will prevent the accumulating of bills which can be used to throw the Budget off.

John Rivers' bill for plowing came to \$1,176.45, for sand and snow fence \$221.30 and for storm in December, \$46.30—a total of \$1,444.05.

Fred Adams was paid \$199.50 for sanding; Scott Benton, Jr., \$103.25 for shoveling and Clayton Ham was paid \$1,645.00 for plowing, of which \$44.00 was for labor shoveling.

Bert Benton was paid \$80.05 for sanding, making the total expense for Winter, \$3,471.85.

## What Do You Think of This?

<b>TOWN BALLOT</b>	
<b>FOR SELECTMAN—</b> (Vote for One)	
Clifton Shores	<input type="checkbox"/>
_____	<input type="checkbox"/>
<b>FOR TOWN CLERK—</b> (Vote for One)	
Irma Sullivan	<input type="checkbox"/>
_____	<input type="checkbox"/>
<b>FOR TAX COLLECTOR—</b> (Vote for One)	
Ida M. Horner	<input type="checkbox"/>
_____	<input type="checkbox"/>
<b>ETC. - ETC. - ETC.</b>	

If the Town should ever adopt the NON-PARTISAN TOWN BALLOT SYSTEM much time would be saved in the election of Town Officers. Everyone would be less tired by the time the School Meeting could be held!

## **CEMETERY REPORT**

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At the Pine Grove Cemetery, Hanson Cemetery, Orris Road Cemetery and the Gore Cemetery, \$176.50 was spent for Mowing and General Upkeep. \$55.98 was spent for water system repairs and \$32.71 for repairs on the National Mower.

At Mad River Cemetery, Roy and Everett Sawyer spent \$121.00 for General Upkeep, \$50.00 of which was income from the Walter Lee Trust Fund.

SCOTT BENTON, Supt.

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## **AUDITOR'S REPORT**

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We hereby certify we have examined the accounts of the Selectmen, Town Treasurer, Town Clerk, Tax Collector, Trustees of Trust Funds and Road Agents for the year ending Dec. 31, 1952 and find them correctly kept and properly vouched.

PHYLLIS B. HOLBROOK

GLENWOOD H. DUFFY,

Jan. 17, 1953

Auditors



# LIBRARY REPORT

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## Trustees

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### Receipts

Received from Selectmen (Appropriation)	\$	85.00
Interest from Walter Lee Trust Fund		50.00
Library Dues		4.35

Total Receipts	\$	139.35
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### Payments

Personal Book Shop	\$	110.55
Magazines		28.80

Total Payments	\$	139.35
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FRANCES AVERY,

Library Trustee

### Librarian

Books Circulated	748
Bookmobile Circulated	118
Magazines Circulated	251
Books Purchased	50
Gift of Books from Mr. Dollahite and Allen Hanson	54
Library dues	\$4.35

VERA HAZELTINE,

Librarian

The Library is open on Saturdays from 2 to 5 P. M. Besides current books of fiction which are on hand, we can obtain for you from the State Library any book on almost any subject you may desire. The following magazines are also on hand each month:

Readers' Digest	National Geographic
Saturday Evening Post	Better Homes & Gardens
Good Housekeeping	American

# REPORT OF THE TRUST FUNDS OF THE TOWN OF THORNTON, N. H., ON DECEMBER 31, 1952

Date of Creation	NAME OF TRUST FUNDS Purpose — Care of Cemetery Lots	How Invested	Amount of Principal	Rate of Int.	Balance of Income			Income During Year	Expended during Year	Balance of Income End of Year
					1st	Year	Year			
Jan. 12, 1929	Leonard Durgin	Plymouth Bank	\$100.00		\$ 1.88		\$ 2.58	\$ 3.00		\$ 1.46
Jan. 12, 1929	Albert Barnard	" "	100.00		2.31		2.61	3.00		1.92
Jan. 12, 1929	Houston & Carleton	" "	150.00		14.58		4.17	5.00		13.75
Jan. 12, 1929	John Colby	" "	50.00		.53		1.26	1.00		.79
Apr. 1, 1936	Dana Fadden Sr	" "	100.00		1.78		2.57	3.00		1.35
Apr. 1, 1936	E. C. Burleigh	" "	50.00		.15		1.28	1.00		.43
Apr. 1, 1936	A. C. & Daniel Moulton	" "	200.00		4.53		5.19	6.00		3.72
May 26, 1936	John Burleigh	" "	100.00		4.05		2.64	2.00		4.69
Oct. 13, 1936	Mason & Smith	" "	75.00		.86		1.90	2.00		.76
May 24, 1940	Romanzo & John Johnson	" "	100.00		.20		2.54	2.00		.74
Jan. 31, 1940	Daniel James	" "	50.00		.39		1.28	1.00		.67
Feb. 27, 1941	Harry & Will Emmons	" "	200.00		5.87		5.21	6.00		5.08
Nov. 3, 1941	Elkins & Richards	" "	100.00		1.59		2.57	2.50		1.66
Feb. 1, 1943	Warren Moulton	" "	50.00		.35		1.26	1.00		.61
June 6, 1943	Charles & Jonathan Gordon	" "	100.00		.05		2.54	2.00		.59
July 11, 1944	Campbell & Bowles	" "	100.00		.04		2.54	2.00		.58
Oct. 10, 1944	Alfred Dame	" "	100.00		1.91		2.58	2.00		2.49
Oct. 11, 1945	Mad River Cemetery	U. S. Saving Bond Series G	2000.00		.55		50.31	50.00		.86
Oct. 11, 1945	West Thornton Library	" "	2000.00							
Nov. 6, 1946	Margaret Smith	Plymouth Guar Savings Bank	500.00		17.90		13.14	10.00		21.04
Oct. 5, 1948	Edward Canfield	U. S. Saving Bond Series G	200.00		9.75		5.23	3.00		11.98

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# TRUST FUNDS (Continued)

Oct. 4, 1949	Benjamin Merrill	Plymouth Guar. Savings Bank	100.00	.55	2.53	3.00	.08
Nov. 30, 1949	Russell Fader	"	150.00	1.01	3.82	2.00	2.83
Aug. 15, 1951	Eliza Haynes	"	100.00	.41	.83		1.24
Aug. 15, 1951	Frank Ham	"	50.00	.21	.42		.63
Dec. 31, 1952	Ezra Broad	"	200.00				
Dec. 31, 1952	William Merrill	"	100.00				
TOTALS			\$7125.00	\$71.45	\$171.00	\$162.50	\$79.95

SCOTT A. BENTON  
KENNETH W. ROBBINS  
GLENROY M. HOWLAND

Trustees.

# Births Registered in the Town of Thornton, N. H., for the Year Ending December 31, 1952

Date of Birth	Name of Child (If any)	Sex, Cond		Name of Father	Maiden Name of Mother	Color of Parents	Residence of Parents	Occupation of Father	Birthplace of Father	Birthplace of Mother
		Male, Female	Color L or S							
Mar 2	Sarah Ann	F	L	3 W   Sidney L Cheney	Thedessa O Currier	W	Thornton	Painter	Campton	Rockport, Me
Apr 18	Bruce Allen	M	L	3 W   Stanley A Manion	Joan Gale Howland	W	Thornton	Mill hand	Rumney	North Woodstock
May 3	David George	M	L	2 W   Lawrence G Thomp's'n	Patricia E Reiszter	W	Thornton	Mill hand	Campton	Campton
June 13	Douglas Calvin	M	L	1 W   Scott Alonzo Benton	Velma U Farmer	W	Thornton	Farmer	Thornton	New Hamp
June 24	Stephen Douglas	M	L	3 W   Harold F Jaynes	Virginia K Schulls	W	Thornton	Merchant	Massachusetts	Massachusetts
July 17	Alan Edward	M	L	3 W   Leroy P Uhlman	Marjorie E McCoy	W	Thornton	Deceased	Thornton	Campton
Aug 10	Nancy Laura	F	L	2 W   Spencer W Ham	Katherine A Horner	W	Thornton	Farmer	Thornton	Thornton
Aug 25	John Victor	M	L	3 W   Vanner McNeil	Dorothy Kinsman	W	Thornton	Carpenter	New Hampshire	Massachusetts
Nov 9	Ernest John	M	L	3 W   Glenwood Ham Duffy	Bertha A Emery	W	Thornton	Mill hand	Thornton	New Hampshire
Nov 22	Hollis A	M	L	1 W   Richard R Howard	Alice Dion	W	Thornton	Yardman	Thornton	New Hampshire
Dec 4	Dannie Ray	M	L	2 W   Fred Hartwell	Barbara Anne Steele	W	Thornton	Paper mill	Woodstock	Thornton
Dec 21	Eledra Evelyn	F	L	W   Russell Gilman	Ardelle Benton	W	Thornton	Bulldozer Opr	Thornton	Campton



# Marriages Registered in the Town of Thornton, N. H., for the Year Ending December 31, 1952

Date—1951	Place of Marriage	Name and Surname of Groom and Bride	Residence of Each at time of Marriage	Age in years	Color of each	Occupation of Groom and Bride	Place of Birth of each	Name of Parents	Birthplace of Parents	Occupation of Parents	Times married	Name residence and official station of person by whom married
Jan 27	Lisbon	Alfred A Howard	Thornton	32	W	Beater tester	Meredith	Zedock Howard	Orford	Gen labor	2	Clair Cook Clergyman
		Ruth Muriel Knapp	Lisbon	20	W	At Home	No Haverhill	Della Thompson	Unknown	Deceased	1	Clergyman Lisbon
Feb 15	Plymouth	James B Crawford	Thornton	32	W	Chef	Malden Mass	Ruth Selby	North Haverhill	Prop rest		
		Barbara Jean Baker	Plymouth	31	W	Housewife	Ashland	James A Crawford	Munice Germany	Housewife		
Apr 5	Woodstock	George A Cross	Canaan	22	W	Soldier	Canaan	Sophie Heskin	Germany		2	J Claire Peaslee Justice of Peace Plymouth
		Arbitia Boyce	Thornton	21	W	Mill work	Thornton	Frank A Tucker	Melvin Village			
May 11	Thornton	Nathaniel Hartwell Jr	Thornton	21	W	Electron's tester	Lincoln	Theresa E Dow	Ashland		1	Sidney D Cahoon Clergyman Woodstock
		Natalie C Benton	Thornton	20	W	Office work	Thornton	Pearl A Cross	Unknown			
June 15	Sc Newbury	Malcolm A Merrill	Thornton	22	W	Teacher	Thornton	Lyman S Boyce	Thornton	Farmer	1	Sidney D Cahoon Clergyman Woodstock
		June Elizabeth Blake	So Newbury	20	W	Student	Bradford	Emma B Clifford	Lowell Mass	Clerk		
Oct 9	Tilton	Warren E Smith	Thornton	26	W	Bus driver	Washington Mo	Nathaniel Hartwell	Woodstock	Teacher	1	Sidney D Cahoon Clergyman Woodstock
		May E Rheault	Thornton	25	W	At Home	Norwood Mass	Harriette Gilman	Thornton	Farmer		
Nov 5	Woodstock	Raymond A Beaupre	Franklin	21	W	Soldier	Franklin	Scott Benton	Thornton	Housewife	1	Percy S Ridlon Clergyman New Hampton
		Elizabeth A Tyson	Thornton	23	W	At Home	Franklin	Fred D Merrill	West Rumney	Housewife		
Nov 8	Lincoln	Richard C LaBrecque	Lincoln	22	W	Navy	Groveton	Eva R Avery	South Newbury	Housewife	2	Guy Falardeau Justice of Peace Tilton
		Catherine M Bardwell	Thornton	18	W	At Home	Keene	Harry Blake	Washington Mo	Construction		
								Lawrence C Smith	North Woodstock	Housewife		
								Hattie Wegman	Lowell Mass			
								Theodore Hanson	Canada			
								Ida Mitten	Baltimore Md			
								Armand Beaupre	Jefferson			
								Emilina Merchaud	Sanborn			
								John E Shilhan	Billie's Mass			
								Mary Auger	Harrisville			
								Arnie LaPecque	Keene			
								Maude Martell				
								Raymond Bardwell				
								Mary J Handy				

# MARRIAGES (Continued)

Nov 17	Woodstock	Norton Frank White	Thornton	43 W Lumberman	Thornton	Frank White	Thorn-ton	Deceased	2 Sidney D Cahoon 2 Woodstock
		Evelyn Betty White	Plymouth	43 W Stitcher	Laconia	Eliza Ham Leon Hamel	Vermont	Deceased	
Dec 19	Woodstock	William H Drake	Thornton	18 W Mill work	Thornton	Rosanna Valiar Harris O Drake	Vermont	Deceased	1 Sidney D Cahoon 1 Woodstock
		Sylvia Helen Robie	Lincoln	16 W At Home	Lincoln	Rena Selingham John F Robie	Warren	Housewife	
Dec 22	Laconia	Theodore J Inkell Jr	Thornton	22 W Truck driver	Littleton	Elizabeth Bacon Theodore Inkell	Runney	Deceased	1 Woodstock
		Margaret L Inkell	Plymouth	22 W Mill work	Brooklyn N Y	Mable Stearns Carol B Nott	Canada	Housewife	2 Robert Johnson 2 Justice of Peace 2 Laconia
						Margaret Slafky	Littleton	Housewife	
							Peekskill N Y	Deceased	
							Peekskill N Y	Housewife	

# Deaths Registered in the Town of Thornton, N. H., for the Year Ending December 31, 1952

Date of Death 1952	Place of Death	Name and Surname of Deceased	Age Years	Place of Birth	Sex and Cond'n		Occupation	Name of Father	Maiden Name of Mother
					Male	Female			
Jan 26	Thornton	Alan M Sabourn	61	Bakersfield Vt	M	W	M Laborer	Mandus Nelson	Elta May Brown
July 4	Thornton	Sarah M Woodbury	65	Northwood	F	W	W Housewife	William Watson	Sarah Ann Berry
Sept 19	Haverhill	Russell Cochrane	82	Nova Scotia	M	W	D Laborer	William Cochrane	Lizzy Card
Oct 14	Hanover	Henry Edw Kimball	77	Brattleboro Vt	M	W	M Retired	Edward P Kimball	Flora Miller
Oct 23	Plymouth	Melvin L Adams	91	Newport Vt	M	W	M Retired	Lucius Adams	Not known
Nov 13	Thornton	Dorothy Eliza Curtis	76	Greenland N S	F	W	W Housewife	Joseph Peck	Sarah Ann Berry





# **School Report**

The School Year is from June 30 to June 30.

The Town's Books are closed Dec. 31.

Any Balance of School Appropriation on the Town's Books, as shown by the Selectmen's Account with the School District, is applicable to the Spring Term of the Schools. Any Balance unexpended June 30 is "Surplus." Their Budget covers the ENSUING SCHOOL YEAR. Accumulated "Surplus" is applicable to their Budget.

## THE STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE

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To the Inhabitants of the School District in the Town of Thornton qualified to vote in district affairs:

You are hereby notified to meet at the Town House in said district on the tenth day of March, 1953, at two o'clock in the afternoon to act upon the following subjects:

1. To choose a Moderator for the coming year.
2. To choose a Clerk for the ensuing year.
3. To choose a Member of the School Board for the ensuing three years.
4. To choose a Treasurer for the ensuing year.
5. To determine and appoint the salaries of the School Board and Truant Officer, and fix the compensation of any other officers or agents of the District.
6. To hear the reports of Agents, Auditors, Committees, or officers heretofore chosen, and pass any vote relating thereto.
7. To choose Agents, Auditors and Committees in relation to any subject embraced in this Warrant.
8. To see if the District will vote to make any alteration in the amount of money required to be assessed for the ensuing year for the support of public schools and the payment of the statutory obligations of the District, as determined by the School Board in its annual report.
9. To transact any other business that may legally come before this meeting.

Given under our hands at said Thornton this second day of February, 1953.

EVA S. GREY,  
NELLIE ADAMS,  
PHYLLIS B. HOLBROOK,  
School Board of Thornton, N. H.

A true Copy of Warrant—Attest:

EVA S. GREY,  
NELLIE ADAMS,  
PHYLLIS B. HOLBROOK,  
School Board of Thornton, N. H.

## **OFFICERS OF THORNTON SCHOOL DISTRICT**

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### **School Board**

1. Mrs. Eva S. Grey, Chairman
2. Mrs. Nellie Adams
3. Mrs. Phyllis B. Holbrook

### **Treasurer and Clerk**

Mrs. Irma Sullivan

### **Auditor**

Frances Avery

### **Superintendent of Schools**

Arthur S. Rollins



## SCHOOL TREASURER'S REPORT

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1951	
Received from Selectmen, appropriation	\$ 6,050.00
Received from Selectmen, Forest Reserve	268.48
1952	
Received from Selectmen, appropriation	9,000.00
Received from Selectmen, Forest Reserve	434.64
Received from School Board, Sale of No. 6 School House	775.00
Received from School Board, sale of Cupboard, Stove and Pipe	16.00
Received from State Treasurer	188.42
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	\$ 16,732.54
Cash on hand June 30, 1951	20.55
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	\$ 16,753.09
Total Payments	16,691.67
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Cash on hand June 30, 1952	\$ 61.42

IRMA SULLIVAN,  
District Treasurer

**FINANCIAL REPORT OF THE  
THORNTON SCHOOL DISTRICT**

**For the Fiscal Year Beginning July 1, 1951  
and Ending June 30, 1952**

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**Receipts**

**Federal Aid**

National Forest Reserve	\$ 703.12	
Total	<u>          </u>	\$ 703.12

**State Aid**

Equalization and Emergency	188.42	
Total	<u>          </u>	188.42

**Local Taxation**

Current Appropriation	14,041.94	
Balance of Previous Appropriations	1,008.06	
Total	<u>          </u>	15,050.00

**Other Sources**

Sale of Property	791.00	
Total	<u>          </u>	791.00

Total Net Receipts from all Sources	\$ 16,732.54
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**Cash on Hand at Beginning of Year,  
July 1, 1951**

General Fund	20.55	
Total	<u>          </u>	20.55

Grand Total Net Receipts	\$ 16,753.09
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**Auditor's Certificate**

This is to certify that I have examined the books and other financial records of the school board of Thornton of which this is a true summary for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1952 and find them correctly cast and properly vouched.

IDA HORNER

July 8, 1952

## Payments

	High School	Elementary School
<b>Administration</b>		
Salaries of District Officers	\$	300.00
Superintendent's Salary (local share)		190.43
Tax for State Wide Supervision	\$ 42.00	138.00
Salaries of other administrative personnel		38.51
Supplies and expenses		194.41
<b>Instruction</b>		
Teachers' Salaries		6,934.45
Books and other instructional aids		297.27
Scholars' supplies		471.17
Supplies and other expenses		184.12
<b>Operation of School Plant</b>		
Salaries of janitors		204.50
Fuel or heat		296.95
Water, light, supplies and expenses		93.40
<b>Maintenance of School Plant</b>		
Repairs and replacements		180.43
<b>Auxiliary Activities</b>		
Health supervision		255.26
Transportation		3,950.25
Tuition	2,381.68	
<b>Fixed Charges</b>		
Retirement		447.09
Insurance, Treas. Bonds and Expenses		61.70
Total Net Current Expenses	\$ 2,423.68	\$14,235.94

**Capital Outlay**

New equipment		30.05
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Total Net Payments		
for all purposes	\$ 2,423.68	\$14,267.99

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**Balance Sheet June 30, 1952**

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**Assets**

Cash on hand June 30, 1952	\$ 61.42
Accounts due to district	3,310.73
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Grand Total	\$ 3,372.15

**Liabilities**

Surplus (Excess of Assets over Liabilities)	\$ 3,372.15
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Grand Total	\$ 3,372.15



### Certificate

This is to certify that the information contained in this report was taken from official records and is complete and correct to the best of my knowledge and belief. The accounts are kept in accordance with Section 24 of Chapter 82 of the Revised Laws of New Hampshire 1942, and upon forms prescribed by the State Tax Commission.

EVA S. GREY

NELLIE ADAMS,

PHYLLIS HOLBROOK,

July 8, 1952

School Board

A. S. ROLLINS, Supt.

## SCHOOL BOARD'S ESTIMATE FOR 1953-1954

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### Expenditures

#### Administration

Salaries of district officers	\$	300.00
Superintendent's Salary		253.87
Tax for state wide supervision		172.00
Salaries of administrative personnel		70.00
Supplies and expenses		150.00

#### Instruction

Teachers' salaries	8,000.00
Books and instructional aids	250.00
Scholars' supplies	275.00
Other expenses	175.00

#### Operation of School Plant

Janitor Service	175.00
Fuel	375.00
Water, light and supplies	130.00

#### Maintenance of School Plant

Repairs and replacements	275.00
Health supervision	275.00
Transportation	4,465.00
High School tuition	4,365.00

**Fixed Charges**

Teachers' retirement	475.00
Insurance & Treas. Bond	75.00
Contingency Fund	400.00
New Equipment	200.00

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\$ 20,855.87

**Estimated Income**

Federal Reserve	\$ 250.00
District Assessment	20,605.87

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\$ 20,805.87

EVA S. GREY

NELLIE ADAMS

PHYLLIS HOLBROOK,

School Board

## SUPERINTENDENT'S ANNUAL REPORT

To the Thornton School Board:

My tenth annual report herewith submitted presents a discussion of those matters which seem to me important to bring to the attention of Thornton people. A relatively small amount of statistical information has been included, but anything further the Thornton people would like to know about their schools will be gladly and promptly furnished on request.

At the beginning of the present year, grades 7 and 8 at the Mad River School were transferred to Thornton Center. This means that all 7th and 8th grade pupils in the town attend the Center School and that the teacher at Mad River now has grades 1 to 6. It would be fine if the factors of distance and schoolroom space made it possible for us to extend further the consolidation of grades, but we have gone as far in that direction as we can for the present.

To meet transportation requirements resulting from these changes, an extension of transportation service and slightly higher transportation costs have had to be met. The same three transporters are engaged for this year as in the past year, but the children on Mr. Howland's routes now ride to school in a regular school bus. The increased pupil capacity of this bus has eliminated doubling back over some of the territory and has also reduced the time consumed on the road.

The school board and building committee chosen at the annual March meeting in 1952 have worked together and made good progress in the study of Thornton School housing needs. Mr. Paul A. Farnum, chief of the division of Administrative Services in the state office of Education has given very valuable assistance. It is hoped that the work of the past year may result in a direct recommendation to the voters to consider in March 1953. It will be a notable step forward when the people of Thornton can see their way clear to establish one central school in which every child may enjoy better educational opportunity than now exists.

As I talk with other school administrators, it seems to me that the Thornton School Board has followed a very forward-looking policy in giving people of the town an opportunity to discuss proposed changes before they have been made. This has resulted in a degree of confidence and cooperation too often lacking in school communities. The work of the school board in preparing the budget for 1953-54 merits the same confidence and approval.

In conclusion I want to express my appreciation for the support and cooperation of the school board, the excellent work of the teachers, and the help given by everyone in the town. These things have made it a pleasure to work in your schools.

Respectfully submitted,

ARTHUR S. ROLLINS



## 1953-54 SCHOOL CALENDAR

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September 8, Tuesday, schools open

September 11, Friday, All schools closed—Plymouth Fair

October 23, Friday, All schools closed—Teachers Convention

November 25, Wednesday, All schools close at 12:30

November 26, Thursday, All schools closed—Thanksgiving Day

November 27, Friday, All schools closed—Thanksgiving Recess

December 22, Tuesday, All schools close at regular time—Christmas recess

Number of days of school 72

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January 4, Monday, All schools open

February 19, Friday, All schools close for February vacation

Number of days of school 35

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March 1, Monday, All schools open

April 23, Friday, All schools close for April vacation

Number of days of school 40

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May 3, Monday, All schools open

May 31, Monday, All schools closed—Memorial Day

June 18, Friday, All schools close for the year

Number of days of school 34

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Total number of days of school for the year—181.  
This calendar will allow two extra days over the required minimum of 180 days which may be needed for emergency closing of schools.

## TEACHERS IN THORNTON SCHOOLS

1951-1952

West Thornton—Mrs. Mildred E. Thompson

Grades 1-4

Center—Mrs. Harriette G. Hartwell, Grades 5-8

Mad River—Mrs. Olive Benton, Grades 1-6

## ROLL OF PERFECT ATTENDANCE

1951-1952

Bradford Benton

James Swetson

Aletha Rodgers

David Robertson

Peter Rodgers

## 1952 GRADUATES FROM THORNTON SCHOOLS

Patricia Anderson

Aletha Rodgers

Larry Downing

Edward Downing

Arthur Reitsma

## COMPARATIVE THORNTON SCHOOL

### ENROLLMENTS

	1951-52	1952-53
Center	23	27
Mad River	24	22
West Thornton	26	26

## COMPARATIVE GRADE ENROLLMENTS

### IN THORNTON SCHOOLS

	1951-52	1952-53
Grade I	10	10
Grade II	4	9
Grade III	17	6
Grade IV	9	18
Grade V	14	6
Grade VI	7	12
Grade VII	7	7
Grade VIII	5	7

## REPORT OF SCHOOL NURSE

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To the Thornton School Board:

The attendance for the school year 1951-1952 was very good with no cases of communicable childhood diseases occurring.

Sixty-three children were weighed, measured and inspected and symptoms of these defects were found:

Dental	24
Tonsils	10
Glands	3
Vision	5
Hearing	4

These corrections were reported:

Dental	21
Tonsils	3
Vision, new glasses and lens changed	9

Two children had eye examinations and glasses through the State Sight Conservation Program.

One child attended the Heart Clinic at Hanover.

One child had dental work done by the Red Cross.

I take this opportunity to thank the School Board, Superintendent Rollins, parents, teachers and pupils for their interest and help.

Respectfully submitted,

ANNA M. LOVETT, R.N.

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The Gavel Used to Conduct our  
TOWN MEETING  
Is Made of Wood from an Elm Tree  
Planted by  
MATTHEW THORNTON  
Signer of the Declaration of Independence